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"I AM a Democrat, as you know," says Senator HILL, but in fact you don't know what a man is nowadays when he says he is a Democrat.

A PORTRAIT of President CLEVELAND, which hung in the rooms of the Cook County Democratic Club at Chicago, has been cut to pieces. Whenever bad little boys can't wallop their playmates they generally revenge themselves on poor, defenseless toys. So-called Democrats have of late become quite famous for practicing the baby act.

INVESTIGATION of the work of the Kentucky tollgate raiders shows that 1,500 miles of turnpike has been thrown open by the raiders and is now traveled free of toll. The amount of damages for which the counties are liable in consequence of this lawlessness has not been estimated. Free pikes are nice things to have, but they come high when these needless costs of litigation are added.

EX-SENATOR JOHN J. INGALLS takes a rather gloomy view of the situation in Kansas. He believes that the leaders of the Populist party, which has captured the state, "contemplate a war of spoliation against society, based upon practical confiscation and a distribution of the assets of the community. It includes war on railroads and other corporations, the abolishment of laws for the protection of creditors and a redistricting of the state for Congressional and legislative purposes that will retain the party in the possession of power for an indefinite period."

This is a black picture. Let us see who is responsible for it, says The St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A silver bullion deposit bill, with a conditional Free-silver clause, was, in 1890, changed in the Senate into an absolute and unconditional Free-silver bill, and passed in that shape in that body by a large majority. This free coinage substitute was the measure which forced the Sound Money Republicans to bring forward the compromise known as the Sherman Law, an act which, taken in connection with the dread of sweeping Tariff changes, caused by the Democratic victory in 1892, precipitated the panic of 1893. Both of the Kansas Senators, one of whom was JOHN J. INGALLS, voted for the Free-silver substitute, and one of them was the author of it.

Right here, and in the earlier votes in Congress on the silver issue, Mr. INGALLS and other Kansas Republican leaders were sowing the wind which produced the whirlwind of 1892 and 1893. Not all the Republican leaders of that state were afflicted with the silver distemper, but enough of them were under its sway from the beginning to give a powerful cheap money tinge to the politics of that state.

Environment, of course,—proximity to the silver mining region—was the influence which sent Kansas over to the silver side, yet that state did not produce an ounce of silver. Her Republican leaders should have known that her attitude on that issue seriously injured

her credit in three-fourths of the country—in the very portion of the country in which, for business reasons, it was of vital importance for her to keep her credit unimpaired. In the recent canvass, to be sure, many of the local Republican chieftains who had been silver advocates along to that time accepted the true party doctrine as laid down in the St. Louis Convention and championed the gold standard, but they were necessarily impeded by their record. Their hearers and readers could not understand why the policy which these leaders along to that time said was good should all at once turn out to be vicious, and refused to follow them to the Sound Money side. Possibly the conversion of ex-Senator INGALLS and the other local magnates is genuine and permanent, but it was too sudden to be grasped by their neighbors. It is never too late to embrace the true faith, but

If these leaders had taken their Damascus journey a year or two earlier they could have preached the honest money gospel with more effect in the recent canvass.

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about the same dates throughout the year, and many calculations, like interest, dates on maturing notes, Easter and many other important dates would be simplified. Although the present generation would have to figure new dates for birthdays and all legal holidays except New Year would be on different dates, yet the gain would be more than the loss, as that would be permanent and the objections trifling.

The Republican Silver Senators, who walked out of the St. Louis Convention, are wondering whether they will be invited into the Republican caucus.

Up to June 30th last the United States Government had disposed of 964,000,000 acres of the public domain, leaving over 600,000,000 acres still vacant, not including over 900,000,000 acres in Alaska.

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